

# Defend America

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Dominick Ciaraldi, Reports Analyst  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20463

RE: Defend America PAC (a multi candidate committee)  
Identification Number: C00325993  
Reference: May Monthly Report (4/1/00-4/30/00)

Dear Mr. Ciaraldi:

As per our telephone conversation last week, I am in receipt of and thank you for your letter dated July 19, 2000 concerning the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above.

Your letter raised questions regarding administrative expenses. The administrative expenses reflected in the reports filed by our committee for 1998, 1999 and 2000, to the present (including the May Monthly Report) correctly reflect payments made for the purpose of operating Defend America PAC, which included expenses for a post office box, postage, stationary, envelopes, catering and meeting expenses (also referred to as reception expenses), consulting and fundraiser fees, accounting and preparation of FEC report fees, tax return preparation, supplies, software for FEC reporting and other operation expenses. Defend America PAC has paid independent consultants for accounting, bookkeeping, FEC compliance and fundraising activities which has eliminated the need for office expenses such as rent, utilities, salaries, and telephone services. Administrative expenses recently received and paid in 1998, 1999, and 2000 have been correctly reported in the monthly reports. There were no goods or services provided to the committee by any other person, committee, entity, except as reflected in the above referenced reports.

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